

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, Murrell Belanger was a well-regarded businessman who owned Crown Point Chrysler-Plymouth Sales and was a racing enthusiast;

Whereas, in 1951, Murrell Belanger's "#99 Belanger Special" won the Indianapolis 500;

Whereas, the "#99 Belanger Special" was the first race car to win on all major racetracks, the first to win the Indianapolis 500 in less than four hours, the first to use disc brakes and a tube frame, the first to use alloy wheels and torsion bars, the first to weigh less than 2,000 pounds, and the first to win the most points in one season until A.J. Foyt broke that record in 1964;

Whereas, the "#99 Belanger Special" was featured in the 1950 movie "To Please a Lady";

Whereas, the "#99 Belanger Special" was kept and maintained in Lowell until it was donated to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum by Murrell Belanger; and

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Whereas, the "#99 Belanger Special" is still considered "the world's premiere race car" and is on permanent display at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
- 2 recognizes the importance of Murrell Belanger's contributions
- 3 to auto racing and requests that the Indiana Department of
- 4 Transportation memorialize his contributions to the
- 5 communities of Lowell and Crown Point by designating State
- 6 Road 55 from U.S. 231 to State Road 2 as the "Murrell
- 7 Belanger Memorial Highway."
- 8 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
- 9 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Donna Belanger-
- 10 Haniford, Tom Hawes, and the Commissioner of the Indiana
- 11 Department of Transportation.

